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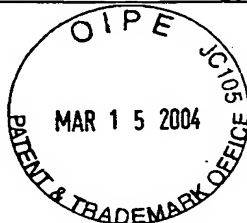
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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Phillip R. Cunningham

Application No.: 10/612224

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR THE  
IDENTIFICATION OF ANTIBIOTICS THAT  
ARE NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO ANTIBIOTIC  
RESISTANCE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.